REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	26 June 1996
Name of applicant/court:	Netlink Distribution Company
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Cleo Erotica
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Penguin Books Australia Ltd.
Author:	Sheiner, Marcy, et. al.
Format:	Book
Country of Origin:	Australia
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reasons(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display conditions:

Section 27

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept;

and

that the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book contains sexual description which is expressly stated in a graphic manner, intended to titillate the reader. Under the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, the publication is identified as dealing with matters of sex in such an explicit manner that harm is considered likely to be caused to the public good should the publication be generally available.
In the forming of this decision, due consideration has been given to the criteria under the FVPC Act and the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. The freedoms outlined under section 14 of the NZBR Act have been balanced against the likely harm to the public good identified in this under the FVPC Act. Due to the explicit nature of the sexual imagery contained in the description, restriction to an adult audience under the FVPC Act is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law, enabling the rights and freedoms of adults only to access this material.

The Classification Office therefore classifies the book entitled *Cleo Erotica* as a restricted publication namely:

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